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Plans for Spreading Education among Tribals

633. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the incentives and the plans chalked out for spreading education among tribals in the country;

(b) the progress achieved as a result of these incentives and plans;

(c) whether any specific plans have been drawn for education of tribal women; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) In order to promote education among Scheduled Tribes (STs), various incentives are provided by Central and State Governments, some of which are following:

— In order to enhance the access to primary education by the ST children, the norm for opening of primary schools, which is generally one kilometre walking distance from habitations of 300 population, has been relaxed in the case of ST habitations in whose case the norm is to have a primary school within one kilometre walking distance from habitation of 200 population.

— Adoption of target oriented strategies and fixing of separate targets for access, participation and achievement for Scheduled Tribes (ST) children.

— Opening of Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub-Plan Areas;

— Setting up of Educational Complexes in Low literacy Pockets for development of female literacy in tribal areas.

— Provision of incentives such as scholarships, text-books, hostel facilities, etc.

— Provision of mid-day meals through the National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education.

— Opening of Boys' and girls Hostels for STs.

— Reservation of seats in admission to higher educational institutions.

(b) Literacy among STs has increased from 16.35 in 1981 to 29.60 in 1991.

— During the period from 1980-81 to 1993-94, enrolment in classes I—X of ST children increased by about 103%

(c) and (d) the Ministry of Welfare is administering the schemes of Girls hostels for STs, Ashram Schools for STs and Educational Complex for ST Girls in Low Literacy pockets. The scheme of Educational Complexes covers 48 identified districts where literacy among ST women was less than 2% in 1981 and some primitive Tribes Groups whose female literacy is very low.

The amounts of Central assistance released under these schemes during 1994-9S to the States/UTs are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Scheme	Amount
1. Girls hostels for STs.	305.00 for 42 hostels.
2. Ashram Schools for STs.	250.00 for 18 schools
3. Educational Complex for ST girls in Low Literacy pockets.	196.59 for 16 old & 26 new Complexes.